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### **Players lose** minimum wage rights

ATHLETICS

Changes 'strike a balance,' says labour minister



Kristen Lipscombe Metro | Halifax

Nova Scotia athletes who are considered employees will no longer have to be paid minimum wage, the Liberal government announced Monday, the same day this new rule came into effect.

It's just one of several Labour Standards Code exemptions that now apply to the province's athletes, including the Mooseheads and Screaming Eagles.

The exemptions also include relaxed regulations on defined hours of work, holiday and vacation pay and employment termination protections.

"These changes strike a balance," Labour and Advanced Education Minister Kelly Regan said in Monday's news release. "They continue to provide protection for important issues like discrimination while allowing for alternate ways of compensation."

Department spokeswoman Sarah Gillis added the new rules recognize "the uniqueness of the sport world and how players are compensated in other ways, like receiving per diems, training, education supports and gear."

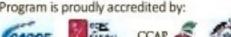
Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith said in the release that "paying minimum wage for all the athletes' time, including practice or travel, would make it difficult for teams to operate."

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Iraq mourns victims as government tightens security measures. World

## Shoe shop joins legal action



Zane Woodford Metro Halifax

A fifth downtown Halifax business has added its name to the list of those seeking compensation for lost revenue during the construction of the Nova Centre.

The Economy Shoe Shop, owned by Victor Syperek, has joined the Wooden Monkey, the Carleton Bar and Grill, Attica, and Biscuit General Store in retaining the services of lawyer Ray Wagner of Wagners Law Firm.

Wagner told Metro last week that the municipal, provincial and federal governments, Argyle Developments Inc., its parent company Rank Inc., and the Halifax Convention Centre Corporation have all received notice.

The next day, Halifax Regional Municipality said it does "not believe a claim of injurious affection under the Expropriation Act applies to the municipality in this instance" because it didn't expropriate the land, and it's not constructing the building.

Wagner said he wasn't sure how much money each business would be seeking, but estimated it would be in the hundreds of thousands for each one.



They're partners in this project, so they have a hand to make sure it's done properly.

Ray Wagner

# Applications open for low-income pass

**PUBLIC TRANSIT** 

Pilot project discounts cost of monthly pass by 50% to \$39

Ben Jamieson For Metro | Halifax

Getting around the city will soon be more affordable for those in low-income households.

Applications for the municipality's new low-income monthly passes began Monday, with Halifax Transit reporting 99 applications were filed on the opening day. The pilot was approved by Halifax regional council on June 21 and will run from September 2016 to February 2017.

The discounted passes give those earning a combined gross annual household income of less than \$33,000 the chance to take advantage of the city's transit system.

The program cuts regular transit fares by 50 per cent, lowering a regular pass from \$78 to \$39. MetroX and MetroLink passes will also be discounted.

To be eligible for the passes, applicants must be a resident of HRM and can't be receiving any other form of social assistance to help with transit costs. The number of applicants is capped at 500 for this first part of the project. People interested in applying



A Halifax Transit bus travels downtown. Anyone interested in applying for a low-income transit pass can do so in person at any of the municipality's four transit centres. JEFF HARPER/METRO

DAY ONE

Breakdown of low-income transit applications:

- Bayers Road Centre: 26 Scotia Square Centre: 26
- Alderney Gate,
- Dartmouth: 42 Acadia Centre, Sackville: 5 Total across HRM: 99

for the passes are urged to do so before the July 15 cut-off date.

Successful applicants will be notified starting Aug. 8, by mail or by phone, pending a postal strike, letting them know that they will be able to get the discounted rate, HRM spokeswoman Tiffany Chase said Monday.

Applications can be found online or in person at Citizen Contact Centres, located at the Acadia Centre in Lower Sackville,

Alderney Gate in Dartmouth, and two Halifax locations: Bayers Road Centre and Scotia Square.

Halifax Transit will be collecting feedback from those participating in the pilot project throughout the six months, Chase said.

The goal is to present a comprehensive report of the initial six months of the program to regional council in order to make plans for the initiative's future.

### No decision on private airports

The Halifax International Airport Authority hasn't landed on a position after a government report recommended privatizing Canada's airports.

The report is "the product of a review of the Canadian transportation system and the legal and regulatory frameworks which govern it." It makes dozens of recommendations for different modes of transportation in Canada, and 10 specifically for air travel - among them, to privatize airports across the country.

Since the report came out, Torstar News Service reports federal bureaucrats have been mulling over the recommendation as a way to pay for billions in infrastructure funding.

"We have an internal group that is looking at each of the recommendations and considering what the implications may be for us," Halifax International Airport Authority vice-president Peter Spurway said in an interview Monday.

"From Halifax's perspective, this is something that's under review, and we haven't landed anywhere yet."

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO



### **City closes Dingle Beach**

The Halifax Regional Municipality has closed Dingle Beach in Fleming Park to swimmers after tests found high levels of bacteria in the water.

BEN JAMIESON/FOR METRO





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# Pilot project aims to boost immigration

**ATLANTIC PROVINCES** 

### Plan hopes to find ways for newcomers to stay in region

The Atlantic premiers have announced details of a first-in-Canada pilot project designed to boost the region's flagging economy through immigration, with a particular focus on ensuring that newcomers don't join the steady stream of outmigration to other parts of the country.

Under the plan, the government will accept up to 2,000 immigrant applications in 2017, with increased numbers in the following years depending on performance.

"So it could be something like 4,000 people, and that number is scheduled to rise in coming years, depending on how well we do," said John McCallum, the federal minister of immigration. He said the immigration component will be largely driven by the provincial governments and their specific needs.

"We will be open to a variety of skill classes, and we, in my office, will work with each government to develop a plan specific to their own province with a focus on particular occupations, particular regions and with a focus on engaging companies to not only recruit the immigrants but to undertake measures to keep them here," he said.

The details were announced Monday at a meeting in Prince Edward Island of the premiers and a number of federal cabinet ministers.

McCallum said the two levels of government will look for ways to ensure that once immigrants arrive, they'll stay in a particular region.

He said that could include efforts to expedite credentials for different jobs.

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Navdeep Singh Bains, minister of innovation, science and economic development, from left, Premier Stephen McNeil and Scott Brison, president of the Treasury Board head to a news conference at a meeting of Atlantic Canada's four premiers and federal ministers in P.E.I., on Monday, THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEWFOUNDLAN

### Whale entangled in heavy fishing gear

A large whale has become tangled in fishing gear off southeast Newfoundland, raising fears it will die before it can shed the equipment or rescuers can remove it.

"This is what we call heavy fishing gear, it's heavy rope, strong rope," said Wayne Ledwell of the Whale Release and Strandings group in Portugal Cove in St. Philip's, N.L.

"If it doesn't shed the gear or if we don't take the gear off, then it could probably die ... (from the) stress and energy that it needs to carry around all this fishing gear, and not be able to feed properly and get into areas where it needs to feed."

Ledwell said a tour boat spotted the whale, believed to be a humpback, at Witless Bay on the southern Avalon peninsula Saturday, carrying rope possibly through its mouth or fin, and a snow crab pot buoy. His group responded to the area but couldn't find it.

"We had a large search pattern and didn't see it. Ideally it would show up in a cove somewhere that's protected from wind and people would let us 1,200

The number of large whales found entangled in fishing gear between 1979 and 2008, the vast majority of them humpbacks, according to a Marine Mammal Science report.

know and then hopefully we can do something about it," he said. "I know from the picture there's quite a large amount of fishing gear underneath his body that it's towing."

Ledwell said boaters should stay away from the whale and not try to disentangle it, because they might remove a highly visible buoy but not all the equipment, making it difficult to spot and fully rescue.

Also, he said, it's dangerous.

"The risk is ... their propeller or their engine could get caught in that rope, and especially in smaller-type boats, that would be pretty much disastrous because the whale could just tow the boat under."

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**HALIFAX HEROES** Ordinary people doing extraordinary things

### Linda Felix fixes area felines

### More than 1.6K cats spayed and neutered since 2011



**Yvette** d'Entremont Metro | Halifax

Linda Felix has two full-time jobs. One includes a paycheque. while the other comes in the form of cats and love.

In 2011, Felix founded Spay Day HRM. It was supposed to be a one-off initiative, but more than 1,600 cats and counting have been spayed and neutered in Halifax Regional Municipality thanks to her initiative.

"I started this (Spay Day HRM) because I had a lot of pregnant cats coming into my yard, abandoned cats, and at the time I found there was no help available in the city. The shelters were full because there were no spay programs," Felix said.

"The city didn't deal with the cats through animal control at all. Out of frustration I had planned to do a (one-time) program, but I found the need was great in the city and community support



#### Do you have someone to nominate?

Each Monday, we will profile an unsung volunteer hero in our community as part of Halifax Heroes. To nominate someone, email philip.croucher@ metronews.ca, Metro Halifax's managing editor, or Tweet @metrohalifax using the hashtag #HalifaxHeroes

was great, and so I kept going and going."

Over time, the program that helps low-income families spay and neuter their cats at no cost has expanded to include homeless cats and feral colonies.

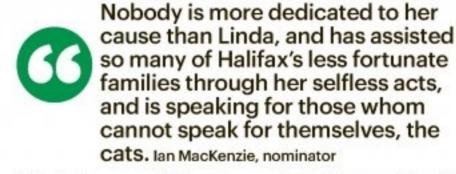
Felix said while she could never count the number of volunteer hours she has logged helping cats, fundraising and paperwork, to say that she's busy is an understatement."

Working primarily in lowerincome neighbourhoods, Felix does everything from picking up the cats, taking them to vet appointments, returning them to their owners and providing education for their post-surgery care.

"A lot of people don't have a cat carrier, they don't have a drive. Some people don't even have a telephone," she explained.

"There are issues of literacy. There are a lot of reasons why people can't get their cats spayed and neutered. So I try to overcome all those obstacles and help the cat."

Felix also works with communities to put on a major event for World Spay Day, each year targeting a specific Metro Housing area, including Greystone,



Uniacke Square and Mulgrave Park. Her non-profit has also partnered with the SPCA on a feral trap-neuter-release program using funds provided by HRM. She said she's forging relationships with many neighbourhoods, and people who see abandoned cats or cats in need are now contacting her.

In addition, she's proud of the spin-offs created by her work. This includes fewer cats abandoned in public housing and fewer litters

of kittens

needing to be rescued, in addition to an overall shift in people's thinking.

"Now the SPCA has a lowcost spay clinic, now the city has stepped up with some funding for feral TNR and there are a couple of other programs like mine that have started in the province," she said.

"When I started there was absolutely nothing available for people and now for the first time, the two shelters in the city have had time to take in cats this year. I guess it's just seeing spin-off from what we've started. We see results."

Without the help of her own

stable of volun-

teers, Felix said she wouldn't be able to accomplish nearly as much. "I am just a person that takes action when I see something that needs to be done and (this issue) needed some action. There were just so many suffering cats," she said."I just jumped up when something needed to be done and I'm still doing it."

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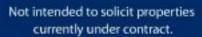
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IN BRIEF

#### Special incident probe launched in case

The province's Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) is investigating a case in which police "discharged firearms" at a suspect Monday morning.

According to RCMP,
Annapolis County officers
responded to a call about
a man with a gun. The man
was a suspect in an arson
earlier in the evening. The
suspect arrived in an alleged stolen vehicle. RCMP
officers fired. The suspect
was arrested and taken to
hospital for non-life threatening injuries. METRO

#### Ontario man arrested in relation to March robbery

An Ontario man has been arrested and charged in connection with a Halifax robbery in March, when a man entered the Guardian Pharmacy at 6199 Coburg Rd., went behind the pharmacy counter, produced a knife and demanded cash and drugs before fleeing.

July 1, Charles Russell Clarke, 32, of Campbellford, Ont., was arrested in Milton, Ont. He is to appear in Halifax provincial court. METRO

### Black Widow case held up

TERMS OF RELEASE

### Crown needs more time to turn over evidence

The case against the "Internet Black Widow," the elderly woman who gained notoriety for killing and poisoning men who were her intimate partners, has been postponed another month.

The lawyer for 80-year-old Melissa Shepard appeared in Halifax provincial court Monday and asked that the case be delayed to give the Crown more time to turn over evidence.

Mark Knox said the defence would enter a plea when the case returns to court on Aug. 4.

Crown lawyer James Giacomantonio said the prosecution had been held up because the initial investigator had been involved in an accident and had to be reassigned.

Police have alleged Shepard violated the terms of a peace bond in April after an officer spotted her using a computer at Halifax Central Library.

She was charged with three counts of breaching a recogni-



Melissa Ann Shepard, known as the Internet Black Widow, arrives at court in Dartmouth in March.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

zance, including a ban on accessing the Internet.

Shepard was released March 18 after having served a full sentence of just under three years for spiking newlywed husband Fred Weeks's coffee with tranquilizers in 2012. A court imposed 22 conditions on her, including that she keep the peace and be of good behaviour. THE CANADIAN PRESS WYSE ROAD

### Police look into assault

Halifax police are investigating the alleged sexual assault of a 13-year-old girl over the weekend.

Officers got a call Saturday night about an incident that occurred at 4 p.m. that day.

The police report that a man on Wyse Road approached a 13-year-old girl and asked her where she was going. When the girl refused to speak to or make eye contact with the man, he allegedly "touched her in a sexual manner over her clothing."

The girl then yelled, and police say the man ran away northbound on Wyse Road.

The suspect is described as a 50- to 60-year-old "black man with a medium complexion," about five feet six inches tall, average build, short grey hair, bald spot, and short grey goatee. He may have a speech impediment, and was wearing a faded royal blue rain jacket at the time of the incident.

Police ask anyone with information to contact them or Crime Stoppers. METRO

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## Police floats ban 'stupid': Union



Ken Leppert of the Ontario Provincial Police speaks with colleagues at the Pride Festival parade in Toronto, GETTY IMAGES

#### DEMANDS

### Black Lives Matter held a sit-in during Pride Parade

Members of the Toronto police force say they're offended that Pride organizers agreed to a list of demands set out by Black Lives Matter during Sunday's parade.

The list includes nine demands that range from banning police floats in future parades to increasing funding for spaces for racialized communities.

Janaya Khan, co-founder of Black Lives Matter Toronto, said the group took the position they were given in the parade as an opportunity to open up a conversation about how to make Pride more inclusive for marginalized groups.

Members of the group held a sit-in part way through the city's 36th annual Pride Parade, stopping it from moving forward for about a half hour.

It resumed when Pride's executive director, Mathieu Chantelois, signed the list of demands.

The president for the union

representing the city's police officers said he's outraged that Pride would accept the demands.

Mike McCormack said that police officers have been supporters of Pride for years, and that it's "stupid" to try and exclude them.

"This is about the Pride parade, this is not about Black Lives Matter," he said in an interview Monday.

"We have been supporting this parade for years, long before politicians and other people. To suggest that police should be removed and not have a float or booths or be allowed in Pride to begin with."

And Khan noted that this sort of political action isn't unprecedented at Pride parades.

"Change is uncomfortable. Twenty years ago, you had the first Dyke March. There was a lot of negative publicity, there was a lot of pushback."

But while Pride Toronto's executive director signed the document during Sunday's parade, organizers are now saying that they were really just committing to "having a conversation" about the list.

"There's a number of (the requests) that are quite reason-



We have been supporting this parade for years, long before politicians and other people. Mike McCormack

the community space, that's complete and utter nonsense."

He suggested that Black Lives Matter shouldn't be allowed to co-opt another group's event. Khan took issue with that stance.

"I can't co-opt what is mine," said Khan, who is part of the LG-BTQ community, adding: "It was never community consensus that police floats should be a part of able, in terms of how we engage with the black, queer community," said Alicia Hall, a co-chair of Pride's board of directors. And the rest of them, she said, will be discussed — including the role of police.

But Khan said that while some of the items on the list are negotiable, the ban on police floats is not. THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA

### Federal agency apologizes for nixing lemonade stand



After a sour online response, the National Capital Commission has apologized for shutting down a lemonade stand over the weekend. Seven-year-old Eliza Andrews and her five-year-old sister Adela had a morning of sweet sales when they set up their stand Sunday morning.

After about two hours of sales they were promptly shut down by an NCC officer because they didn't have a permit.

"We understood that it was

NCC property," said father Kurtis Andrews, who built the lemonade stand to teach his daughters some real-world business skills. "But we figured a kids' lemonade stand wouldn't raise a bunch of fuss, and no one would probably make a big deal about it."

On Monday morning the girls and their father were invited to NCC headquarters to talk about bringing the lemonade stand back — with the proper documentation.

"They gave us the royal treatment," said Andrews. "We put in an application for a permit, and it sounds like they'll be expediting whatever process is required so we can set up next Sunday for the next bike day."

The NCC released a statement Monday morning, apologizing to the family and saying that it reviewed the situation with the junior conservation officer on duty.



Sisters Eliza, right, and Adela Andrews with their lemonade stand Monday in Ottawa. DAVE CHAN/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### IN BRIEF

#### Child exploitation at 'epidemic proportions'

Canadian police lack the resources to keep pace with the burgeoning threat to children from online sexual predators, federal officials have warned the public safety minister.

An internal briefing note to Ralph Goodale says online child sexual exploitation has reached "a level of epidemic proportions," fuelled by the growth of technology.



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People light candles on Monday at the scene of a massive car bomb attack in Karada, a shopping district where people were shopping, in the center of Baghdad, Iraq, HADI MIZBAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Death toll climbs in Iraq bombing

TERRORISM

### Officials aim to tighten security measures

As the death toll from the weekend truck bombing in Baghdad climbed to 157, Iraq's embattled prime minister ordered new security measures, including abandoning the use of bomb-detection wands that U.S. experts pronounced worthless years ago.

But security forces were still using the devices Monday evening, as a string of smaller bombings in the capital killed 16 people and wounded dozens more.

Sunday's suicide attack by Daesh was the single deadliest bombing to hit Baghdad in more than a decade of war and insurgency.



### **Explosion in Saudi mosque**

A suicide bombing outside one of Islam's holiest sites killed four Saudi security forces on Monday, and similar attacks outside a Shiite mosque and a U.S. Consulate in two other Saudi cities raised fears of a co-ordinated assault aimed at destabilizing the Western-allied kingdom. The Interior Ministry said five others were wounded in the attack outside the mosque where the Prophet Muhammad is buried in Medina.

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### MORE ATTACKS

In May a string of largescale bombings, many of them claimed by Daesh, killed more than 200 people in a single week. In February, Amnesty International reported that the number of Iraqis sentenced to death in 2016 was close to 100. Later Monday, about 10 rockets struck a refugee camp for Iranian exiles next to Baghdad's international airport, according to a Baghdad police official.

Also Monday, five convicted terrorists were executed in Baghdad, the Ministry of Justice said in an announcement that appeared aimed at restoring faith in Iraq's security forces in the wake of the devastating attack.

Firefighters and medical teams were still uncovering bodies from the city's Karada neighbourhood Monday morning. Officials said a dozen people were missing and at least 60 of the dead were women and children. At least 190 people were wounded.

The blast struck after midnight when the neighbourhood was bustling with people breaking their daylight fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The attack demonstrated Daesh's ability to strike the capital despite a string of defeats on the battlefield, including the loss of Fallujah just over a week ago.

With public anger mounting, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi ordered new security measures Sunday evening, including increased aerial scanning and intelligence-gathering in the capital and the installation of X-ray systems at the entrances of provinces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Officials question Dhaka hostages

Some of the hostages rescued from the weekend attack on an upscale restaurant in Bangladesh's capital were questioned Monday by investigators searching for clues about the possible masterminds behind the gruesome attack that left 28 dead, including many foreigners.

Authorities were still holding five of the 13 hostages rescued when commandos stormed the restaurant in Dhaka's diplomatic zone Saturday morning, killing six of the attackers and capturing one, according to officials.

Bangladesh police chief A.K.M. Shahidul Haque said authorities would be interrogating two men, including a suspected militant, who were detained during Saturday's operation. He would not say whether either had been among those counted as hostages, only that they were being treated in a hospital for unspecified injuries.

A second official said the five former hostages still being held included a Canadian citizen.

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### Swap app shakes up transfers

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE** 

### **TransferWise** allows users to send money to 60 countries

Kristo Käärman and Taavet Hinrikus built a billion-dollar business out of their common spendthrift's conundrum.

Käärman was paid in pounds at his job in London, but needed euros to pay off his student loans in Estonia. Countrymate Hinrikus was getting paid in euros through a bank account back home, but living in London and spending pounds.

Both were frustrated with how much money they were losing to their banks when transferring money to and from their own accounts.

So they decided to invent a new system. The two partnered to create TransferWise, a peer-to-peer foreign-exchange swap system that changes the way consumers in 60 countries send money abroad.

"I realized the way it works is the bank just uses a different

exchange rate," Käärman said in an interview ahead of TransferWise's Canadian launch in April. "It's a very sneaky trick by the banks to fool you into thinking there's a fixed rate and actually they're taking a fee."

Since its founding in 2011, TransferWise has become a "unicorn" - a startup worth more than \$1 billion - and attracted investors including

This is almost

like the sharing

economy in the

financial sense.

Kristo Käärman

Sir Richard Branson and PayPal founder Peter Thiel. It has been named Apple's "most innovative" app.

The service entered the Canadian market

this spring, enabling users to for an equivalent transfer in send Canadian dollars to any of the 60 countries and 35 currencies on TransferWise's platform. The company believes Can-

ada is a market ripe for disruption, with more than three million Canadians living abroad and seven million people here who were born overseas. It estimates that Canadians are

paying more than \$1 billion in fees to transfer about \$30 billion abroad every year.

TransferWise charges 1.2 per cent to exchange money - about 80 per cent less than Canadian banks. Bank customers don't pay the "mid-market" rate you see posted on the Bank of Canada or see in the paper. They pay the consumer rate, which has bank fees baked into it, and, often, other fees.

TransferWise's app converts money at the mid-market rate that banks offer big customers. It then matches a request for foreign currency with a request

the opposite direction - someone who has that currency and looking for Canadian dollars.

"This is almost like the sharing economy in the financial sense, in that there are other people who need those currencies and we're just a tech platform that makes it move very efficiently," Käärman said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



TransferWise's two founders Kristo Käärman and Taavet Hinrikus, torstar news service

### Canada Post still hopes for deal

Canada Post says talks with the union representing postal workers continue and it still hopes to negotiate a deal.

Spokesman Jon Hamilton says the company has not given the required 72 hours notice of a lockout, nor has the union given notice of any job action.

Both sides remain at the negotiating table and Hamilton says he hopes they can reach an agreement that is "affordable and reasonable."

Changes to employee pension plans have been a key sticking point in negotiations.

Canada Post made new contract proposals about a week ago, and the union presented a counter-offer on Friday. That offer includes wage hikes and rejects Canada Post's plan that would have new employees get

a pension plan that operates like an RRSP, called defined contribution, instead of the defined benefit plan for current employees that guarantees a set level of retirement benefits.

Hamilton says Canada Post has expressed frustration over the proposal, which he says "puts us in the exact opposite direction of where we need to be." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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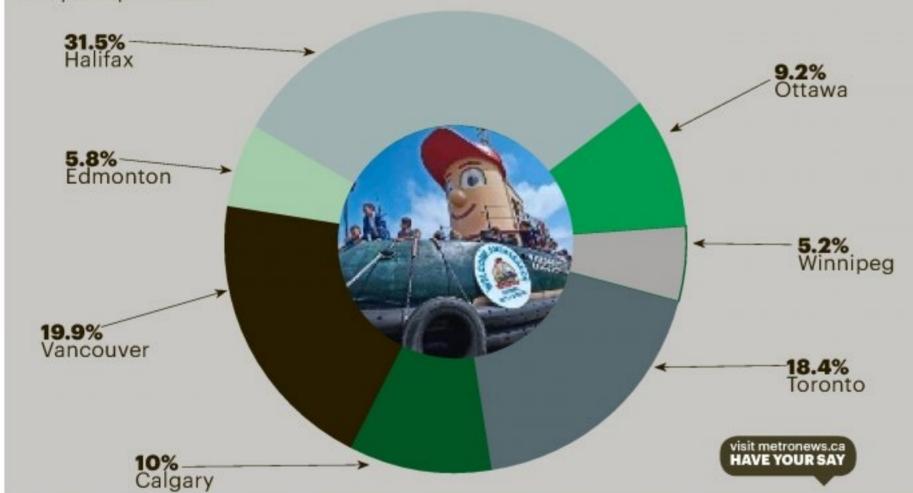
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**METRO POLL** 

### Halifax is your favourite Metro city!

Last week, on the occasion of our home and native land's 149th, we decided to settle once and for all which Metro city is the best in the nation. We asked prominent Canadians to extol their hometowns and then we invited you, the readers, to vote online. Here are the final results, adjusted on a per capita basis.



# Judge's park report a sellout to developers



If you failed to submit written objections to Judge Heather Robertson's Facilitator's Report on the proposed Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Regional Park boundaries by 3 p.m., Monday, July 4, forget it.

If your written objections ran to over three pages and you failed to submit 35 copies, no one will read them.

No matter.

It was too late before it

Robertson insisted that the developers' plan is 'economically feasible.' For whom?

Let's rewind.

Halifax Regional Municipality's 2006 Regional Strategy designated an untamed swath of land between the Bayers Lake Industrial Park and Hammonds Plains - an area two-thirds the size of the Halifax peninsula — as a public wilderness park. It would be, in the city's own evocative words, "an opportunity to leave urban life behind and be immersed in natural forest, lakes, streams and bogs within a stone's throw of the city. Short trail loops, longer hikes, mountain bike trails, lakes for swimming, skating, fishing and two canoe routes will allow the public to use the park for an hour or more, or for an entire day."

But the park-in-waiting included provincial land and 15 privately owned blocks. In 2009, the province designated its land "protected

wilderness," creating a basis for the new park. By then, however, two of the biggest private landowners were pressing for a secondary planning strategy to allow them to commercially develop their land.

In 2014, the city and the landowners agreed to appoint Robertson as a facilitator to help negotiate acceptable park boundaries. (Question: when the city widened Chebucto Road in the mid-aughts, did it hire a facilitator to negotiate with affected homeowners?)

On June 20, Robertson delivered her orchestrated-behind-closed-doors report to 200 stunned residents at the Futures Inn in Bayers Lake. No questions permitted.

Instead of suggesting a boundary, complained Bob McDonald, chair of the Halifax North West Trails Association, Robertson delivered "a development proposal...

on behalf of the landowners/ developers," including permitting private shoreline development on Fox and Susie lakes in the middle of the park, while blessing the developers' scheme to sell another tract of parkland to the city for twice what staff believe it's worth.

Ignoring staff's objections, the developers' boundary plan "fails or only minimally achieves" regional park objectives, Robertson insisted - without apparent evidence - their plan is "economically feasible." For whom?

Some "independent," some "facilitator." Time for a re-do.

Stephen Kimber is a professor of journalism at the University of King's College in Halifax and an award-winning writer, editor and broadcaster. Halifax

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### **EU** is both symptom and potential cure



Joel Blit For Metro

In the aftermath of the Brexit, it is tempting to paint the leavers as xenophobes or racists. And while there are some unsavoury elements within the Brexit movement, it would be simplistic to ascribe the movement's success to widespread bigotry. Moreover, doing so would preclude us from understanding the discontent. The leavers are right to feel aggrieved.

Economic integration has been sold as a rising tide that lifts all boats. In my undergraduate international trade course, one of the first lessons is that there are gains from trade for all countries. But what often gets overlooked is that within each country there are winners and losers. The reality is that while trade has brought many of the anticipated rewards, these have not been shared. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development reports that between 1975 and 2012 much of the income growth generated has gone to the one per cent of earners.

In the U.S., 47 per cent of the entire pre-tax income growth was captured by the one per cent. For Canada, this fraction was also large, at 37 per cent.

The major cause that most economists would point to is technological change. Software and robots are taking over routine jobs. And as the \$19-billion US acquisition of 55-employee WhatsApp showed us, technology has also allowed the creation of firms that generate massive value for the investors and entrepreneurs while creating precious few

jobs.

What is certain is that immigration has played at most a minor role in increasing inequality. Blaming immigrants for the low wages and lack of jobs is misguided.

Unless we are willing to halt technological progress, increasing income inequality may be a reality that we will have to cope with. This does not mean we have to accept that the rich will get richer while the poor

will get poorer.

The implicit bargain is that for us to collectively agree to trade liberalization, those who benefit must share some of their gains with those who get hurt. Governments can ensure a good quality of life for all by implementing redistributive policies and offering quality public services, such as education and health care. Doing so will require that governments tax corporations and the very rich. But this is difficult for any one country because these groups are the most internationally mobile. As the Panama papers showed us, it is all too easy for the rich to set up offshore investments and avoid paying taxes.

Tackling inequality will require international co-operation and governance - just the sort of political integration that is best modelled by the EU, the very thing that the disenchanted voted to leave.

The leavers are right to feel aggrieved. But their anger at the EU is misplaced. Exiting will only weaken the one institution that offers a model for fighting inequality.

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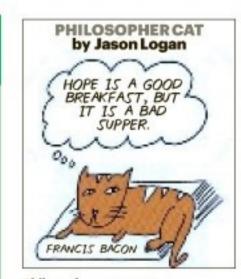
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### Check out your partner's moles

#### RESEARCH

Screening strategy helps identify new melanomas

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Kathy Barnard's husband gives her an unusual, but sexy, gift each Valentine's Day.

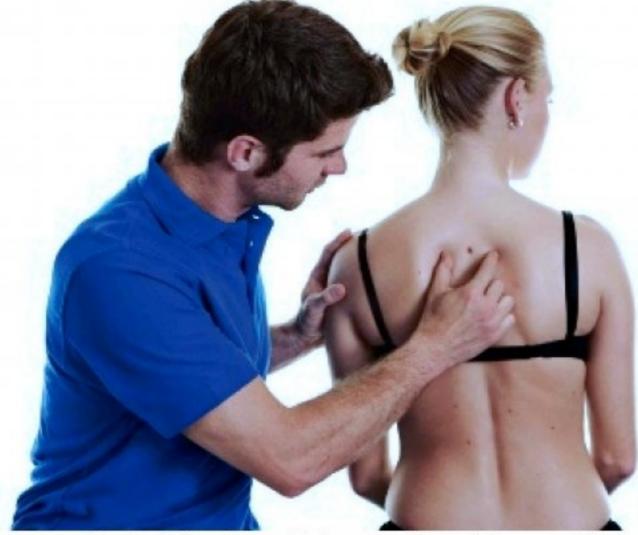
He checks all her skin, from head to toe — for abnormal moles, that is,

As a survivor of melanoma, the most dangerous kind of skin cancer, Barnard is at high risk of a recurrence.

And research shows her screening strategy works.

In a new study, published last week in the Journal of the American Medical Association (Dermatology), high-risk patients who had melanoma before and their partners were assigned either no special treatment or, instead, training on how to identify new cancers. They were followed up for two years, with dermatologist visits every four months.

The results were impressive. Patients and their partners who got the training correctly identified more than 60 per cent of new melanomas (the remainder were diagnosed by doctors). On the flip side, participants in the group who got no training were not able to spot new melanomas on



New research has found that patients and their partners who received proper training were able to correctly identify more than 60 per cent of new melanomas. Participants who didn't receive training weren't able to spot new melanomas on themselves or their partners. ISTOCK



themselves or their partners. All the cancers for those participants were instead detected



by doctors.

If it's caught in the earlier stages, survival rates for melanoma are above 90 per cent. Most patients diagnosed with advanced melanoma, on the other hand, die of their disease within five years.

The extra education didn't seem to increase anxiety or encourage extra doctor visits, pointing to how programs like this, though the initial research is expensive, could save money

Barnard, who is president

### **ABC'S OF SCREENING**

Patients were given a simple A-B-C-D-Escorecard to help them remember how to screen their loved one's skin.

Assess moles and be aware of any that fall under the 3) description in each of the following categories:

#### Border

- 1) Smooth, regular border
- 2) Not sure
- Jagged, irregular border

#### Colour

- One or two colours, no blending
- 2) Not sure
- Variety of colours with blending

#### Diameter

- 1) 4 mm or less
- 2)5 mm 3)6mm or more

Evolution of any of the above

See your doctor within two weeks if any mole scores a 3) for B, C and D, or if there is any evolution at all in its border, size or colour.

of the Save Your Skin Founda-

tion in Vancouver, which does

public education and support,

estimates about half the mel-

anoma patients she works with

had their cancer discovered by

back when I was in a bath-

The new research aimed to build on informal screenings people do at home, explained Dr. Jane Robinson, the lead author of the study.

She got the idea years ago when she was getting ready to discharge a melanoma patient after he had surgery to remove a cancerous mole on his back.

"I was explaining to this about-50-year-old man that he could develop another cancer, and telling him he had to check," Robinson said.

"I'll never forget it. He looked at me and said, 'Doc, my wife takes care of all that stuff!

"I said 'Where's your wife? Go get her! So he runs out the door with his shirt hanging out and brings in his wife from the waiting room."

Robinson taught the man's wife the warning signs to look for, especially in hard-to-see areas like his ears, back and the top of his head.

"She is all over it. Poking him, and questioning me so she could get it right," Robinson said. "It was out of love, to make sure he lived a long time."

In fact, Robinson added, partners who say they aren't particularly well bonded and don't spend much time together still succeed at identifying each other's cancers. Some even told her the screening ritual brought them closer together.

"People had a job to do," Robinson said. "They knew it was, 'Do this or the person could die."



Kathy Barnard

a loved one. "It's not just your spouse, but everyone connected to you," she said. "My niece found my (cancerous) mole on my

in the long term.

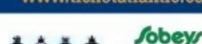


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### modern dating a glossary

Concepts that have recently emerged in pop culture and may help you figure out your

dating life. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sliding is a form of social media flirtation that happens when someone you don't really know sends you a personal message on social media. They "slide into your DMs (direct messages)." It's an action that is usually a little precocious, if not abrupt. It usually happens before you've indicated any interest.

Fall and winter are considered cuffing season, a time when people who would usually prefer being single all of a sudden dread the idea of being alone.

The term **softboy** was coined by Alan Hanson in a Medium article last August. It's a man who portrays himself as a complicated being with feelings but who is ultimately selfish. "He discusses his ex-girlfriend within the first 30 minutes of the date. He talks about her in a sad, wistful way rather than a snarky, resentful way ... He is artistic. He is aware. He is still ad---," writes Hanson.

Benching, as described by Jason Chen in New York Magazine, is when the person you're seeing continues to text you, Snapchat with you and send you memes on Instagram, but no longer commits to seeing you in person.

Haunting is when someone who ghosted you returns in the form of social media interactions - without being in touch directly with words. They like your Facebook posts and view your Snapchat stories, but unlike benching they don't get in touch directly.

Tuning is flirting (usually online) in a way that skirts the possibility of being rejected and may lead to a booty call (or text). The person sends signals in the form of Instagram or Facebook likes, Snapchats and text messages. Once there's been a back and forth, validating interest, a direct message could follow.

### Diabetes linked to your address

## High volume of fast food joints leads to higher risk of disease

Canadian adults under 65 may be at greater risk of developing diabetes if they live in a neighbourhood swamped by fast-food restaurants with few alternatives, a new study suggests.

The study, led by a University of Toronto researcher and published in the Canadian Journal of Public Health in June, looked at data from 7,079 participants aged 20 to 84 living within a 10-minute walk of at least one restaurant in Toronto, Brampton, Mississauga or Hamilton.

Researchers found that, over five years, people younger than 65 living in an area with a high proportion of fast-food restaurants (at least three) and few alternatives

were significantly more like- the worse your diabetes risk," ly to develop diabetes than those living in areas with a larger variety of restaurants.

"Our key finding is that the double burden of living near a high volume of fastfood outlets and few alternatives, such as sitdown restaurants or cafés, was as-

sociated with the highest risk of developing diabetes," said the study's lead author, Jane Polsky, a PhD candidate with U of T's Dalla Lana School of Public

percentage of all restaurants classified as fast food there is, statistically, a nearly 80 per cent greater risk of developing diabetes.

40-per-cent increase in the

The study results show that for approximately every

she said.

Study results ac-counted for factors such as age, sex, education, household income, smoking status and walkability and focused on how much the increased dia-

betes risk was because of restaurant exposures. The high

volume of fast-food restaurants and lack of

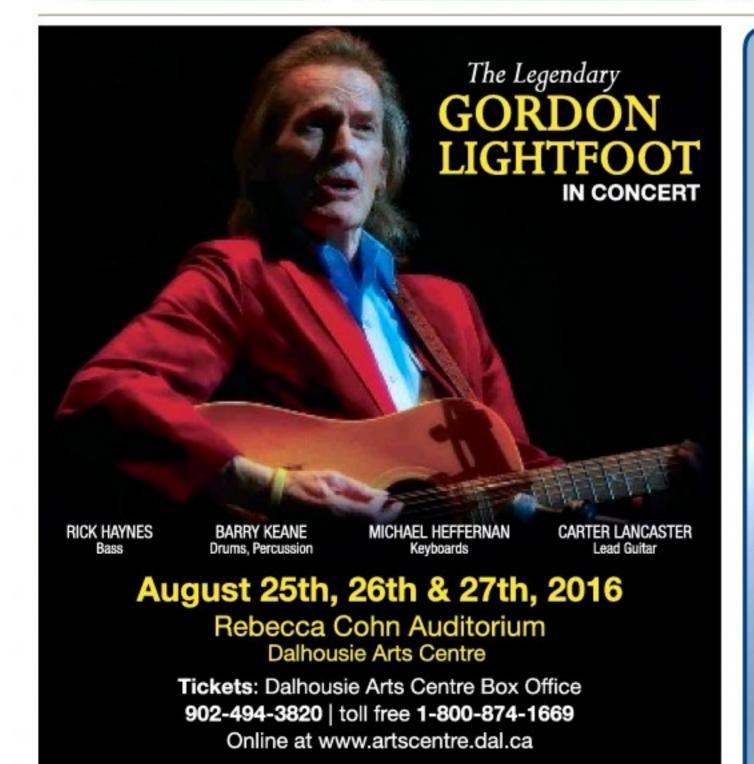
healthy options may "normalize" fast food for consumers, said Polsky.

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Health.

"The higher the percentage (of fast-food restaurants),



a BC Fiedler Presentation

### COCO **American Staffordshire** Terrier

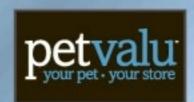
Don't let this big head fool you! Four year-old Coco is a gentle and kind soul who is looking for a laid back, easy going family who will help get her back to her ideal weight. Coco is a beautiful American Staffordshire Terrier with a stunning chocolate milk colored coat. She is looking for a home with older



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### DEALING WITH YOUR DEBT AFTER FINISHING UNIVERSITY

Most college and university students don't have the luxury of avoiding the cloud of debt that hangs over them after graduation. The Canadian

Federation of Students put the figure at \$27,000 per student in 2014. It is a hefty sum to burden upon progressing to the workplace and if, like many others, you find it hard to find a job in your field, the debt could delay important life milestones like buying a house, getting married and starting a family.

"Budgeting is the easy answer," says Renae Lafi, advising and recruitment associate at Red Deer College in Alberta.

"Have a certain amount set aside for your entertainment activities and have a certain amount put away each week for your school costs and loans. It's not always the easiest thing to do, but you're looking toward your future so the more money you pay towards school loans, the less you'll have to pay the government in the end."

Another way to aggressively tackle your debt is to collect your student loan statements to ensure you know precisely what is owed and how much interest is being tacked on.

This might be a bit of hassle initially but it will help you to prioritize which loans you want to pay off first as interest can build at pace, especially with the bigger amounts.



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Taking full advantage of the no-interest grace period that most student loans offer is also a crucial step. It tends to be a six to eight month window after graduation, giving the student time to look for work.

This is a real opportunity to start eating into that loan before you have to deal with the interest, so making as many payments as you can during this window should be paramount. You will see the benefit of doing so in the long-term.

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"Your clients grow and flourish, and you help improve the quality of life for both your client and their family," says Brian Evans, instructor at Maritime Business College.

"You will be trained to work with disabled clients that face physical, mental, and/or intellectual challenges."

Students will learn to teach clients essential life skills to achieve independence, including employment skills, financial management, and socialization.

"They will overcome stigmas, and ultimately feel empowered," says Evans.

"It's more than a career... it's an emotional calling."

Graduates are prepared for employment as human service workers in government, community-based agencies, health care or educational facilities providing services to individuals with mental, emotional, learning and/or physical disabilities.

This is a career with high employability. The hours can be flexible, and shift work is a big opportunity.



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"This freedom makes it a great career for single parents, and self-employment is possible," says Evans.

"This is an excellent career opportunity for parents that have developed first-hand experience caring for others and there is also a strong demand for young people that enjoy sports and recreation."

For more information, visit maritimebusinesscollege.ca.



# Learn to be an entrepreneurial photographer

DaVinci College empowers photographers to expand their creativity, enhance their technical skills, and explore both the art and business of photography.

"This is cultivated in small classes by innovative experts that are highly successful in the industry," says Dave Maguire, marketing director, daVinci College.

"We teach our students to be entrepreneurial photographers so they have the confidence and training to follow their chosen career paths."

DaVinci photography students have a curiosity about the world around them coupled with the ability to capture moments that tell visual stories.

This program provides exposure to many different types of photography genres such as portraits, commercial, product, music, fashion, abstract, landscapes, sports, and more.

"This program transforms you from an amateur or hobby photographer who takes 'good' photos, to a business-savvy creative, ready for a



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thrilling career as a professional photographer," says Maguire.

Throughout the program, students will learn camera handling skills, levels of lighting, imaging software such as the Adobe Creative Cloud, including Photoshop and Lightroom, business communication styles, marketing for social media, client servicing, how to work with models, and many more skills involved with becoming a successful photographer.

As a graduate of this program, you'll enter the professional world with confidence, armed with a professional-grade print and web-based portfolio showcasing the vision, style, artistic direction, and technical expertise that you've gained.

For more information about this program, visit davincicollege.org.

### Support services to those in need

The new continuing care assistant program at Success College trains students to deliver appropriate short- or long-term care assistance and support services to those in need.

"Using classroom, laboratory, and supervised field placements in care settings, the program develops the skills necessary to provide appropriate, timely, and respectful client-focused care to the elderly, persons with disabilities, and those recovering from illnesses or injuries," says Dave Maguire, marketing director, Success College.

This course trains support workers for home care, long-term care and hospitals.

The continuing care segment is one of the fastest growing fields of health care.

"Our population is aging (Statistics Canada reports that our 65 plus population grew 11 per cent from 2006 to 2011, and will continue to grow), and Nova Scotia has more seniors per capita than the national average (16.6 per cent, compared with a national percentage of 14.8 per cent)," says Maguire.

"There continues to be a strong demand for nursing homes, but more care is being shifted to individuals in their homes."



Employment opportunities include hospitals, CTAs (care team assistants), home support workers, and personal care workers.

The CCA program is a provincial standard program required as an entry-to-practice standard for designated care settings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health.

Upon completion of the CCA program, students will write a provincial certification exam to receive the CCA certification.

For more information, successcollege.ca.





# METHSPOTS

"David Eugene Chappelle... Start planning the next Player Haters Ball": Andre Iguodala's tweet after Kevin Durant's free agency decision

# Durant taking his talents to Oakland

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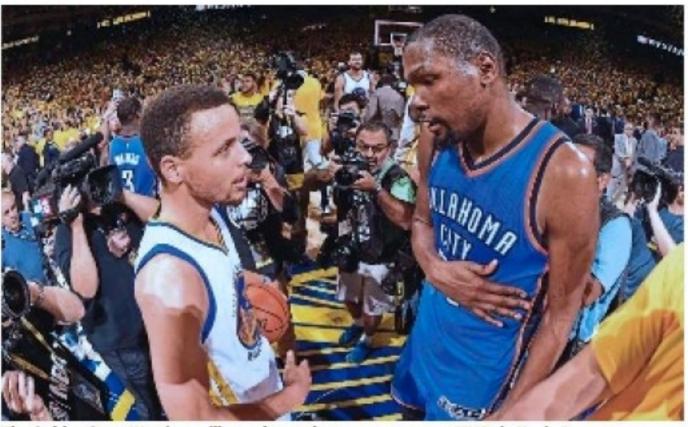
### Ex-MVP to join already-potent Warriors team

Kevin Durant decided his best chance for "growth" means leaving his beloved Oklahoma City behind for a big move out West to join the star-studded, record-setting Golden State Warriors and play alongside Splash Brothers Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.

In the most anticipated move of the NBA off-season, Durant announced his decision Monday on The Players' Tribune. His contract is for \$54 million over two years and includes a player option, a person with knowledge of the deal said Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity because details weren't made public. Durant's move will become official as soon as Thursday, when free agents can sign their new contracts.

Independence Day, indeed. "The primary mandate I had for myself in making this decision was to have it based on the potential for my growth

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The Golden State Warriors will soon boast the two most recent MVPs in Kevin Durant (2013-14), right, and Stephen Curry (2014-15, 2015-16). ANDREW BERNSTEIN/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

as a player — as that has always steered me in the right direction," Durant said in the article. "But I am also at a point in my life where it is of equal importance to find an opportunity that encourages my evolution as a man: moving out

It really pains me to know that I

will disappoint so many people

with this choice, but I believe I

am doing what I feel is the right

thing. Kevin Durant

of my comfort zone to a new city and community which offers the greatest potential for my contribution and personal growth. With this in mind, I have decided that I am going to join the Golden State Warriors."

And the 2015 champion Warriors, who squandered a 3-1 NBA Finals lead to lose to Le-Bron James and the Cavaliers last month, know how tough Durant is in any lineup: they rallied from down 3-1 to beat Durant and the Thunder in a seven-game Western Confer-

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ence final.

Golden State applied a fullcourt press to land Durant. On Friday in the Hamptons, the Warriors sent owner Joe Lacob, general manager Bob Myers, coach of the year Steve Kerr, Curry and Thompson to meet with the six-foot-nine superstar.

The 2013-14 MVP and fourtime scoring champion led the Thunder to the NBA Finals in 2012, and to the Western Conference final in four of the past six years — and he's only 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OLYMPIC

### Canada names its Rio sailing team

Dannie Boyd already knew she was going to represent Canada at Rio.

The 26-year-old from Kingston, Ont., and 27-year-old Halifax crewmate Erin Rafuse earned an Olympic berth for Canada in the women's **MEDAL DROUGHT** 49er FX class Canada's last Olympic last November sailing medal came in at the world Athens in 2004 when championships Mike Wolfs and Ross in Buenos Aires. MacDonald won silver They were nomin the Star class. inated for the Canadian team

quest to go faster on the water. Still the official announcement of Canada's sailing team

was welcome news - yet

stopped their never-ending

another step forward in her Olympic dream.

"It's a good Monday," Boyd said with a laugh.

Boyd and Rafuse will be sailing in a boat named Maple in the 49er FX class,

which has been in the Olympics for men since 2000 but it is making its Games debut for women.

won silver
ar class.

Boyd and
Rafuse are part
of a nine-athlete
Canadian sailing
team that includes
Nikola Girke, a veteran
of three Olympics already.

Brothers Jacob and Graeme Saunders from Chester, N.S., will race in the 470 class.

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at the beginning

of March and haven't

### Raonic digs out of 2-set hole

Canada's Milos Raonic advanced to the quarterfinals at Wimbledon on Monday, coming back from two sets down to beat Belgian David Goffin 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

The sixth-seeded Raonic recovered confidently after struggling early in the match and won after trailing by two sets for the first time in his career.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., will next face 28th seed Sam Querrey of the United States.

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### Just learn as much as possible, soak it all in.

Toronto Maple Leafs No. 1 overall draft pick Auston Matthews who made his debut at the team's development camp Monday







self" rapper

Shoulder muscle,

### **RECIPE Pesto Pizza with Sundried Tomatoes**



#### Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

You'll want to spread this garlic-y topping on just about everything.

### Ready in

Prep time: 5 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and quartered
- · 2 cups baby spinach
- 1 cup basil leaves
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 large store bought flatbread
- 1 Tbsp olive oil 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup shaved Asiago cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped sun-
- dried tomatoes
- Chopped basil for garnish

### Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 C. Prepare a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a food processor, mince garlic, then add the spinach, basil, Parmesan, oil and salt and pepper. Purée until smooth.
- 2. Lay the flatbread on the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle with a bit of olive oil. Spread the pesto across the top of the flatbread leaving a 1/2-inch border around the edges. Drop heaping tablespoons of the ricotta onto the pesto. Sprinkle with Asiago and sun-dried tomatoes
- 3. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the edges of the crust are golden brown and the cheese is melted. Remove from the oven and sprinkle with chopped basil and slice into triangles to serve.

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### **\* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

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45. Broadway hints

46. Aries, The \_\_\_

Aries March 21 - April 20 This is a good day for family discussions, because you are sensitive to what others want to say. Trust your intuition, especially in discussions regarding home repairs.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 This is a fantasy-filled, imaginative day. You might spend time daydreaming; however, you will see new ways to accomplish something you want to do in the future.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 If shopping today, you might want to make extravagant, luxurious purchases. Make sure you can distinguish between wants and needs.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 Today Mercury is in your sign dancing with Neptune. This stimulates your creative imagination and makes you sensitive to the world around you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 Today you might be interested in hidden truths, spiritual mysteries and the paranormal. You want to know the reason behind why things happen.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 A discussion with a friend or a member of a group will be mutually sympathetic today. This person is grateful that you understand where he or she is coming from.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 In discussions with bosses, parents and VIPs today, you will be sensitive to the demands of their job and challenges. If you can help, you will.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Mystical and spiritual subjects fascinate you today. This is a good day to explore religion, poetry, music and occult subjects, because your mind is open to the unusual.

✓ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 If you divide or share something today, make sure you are fair to vourself as well as to others. You have an impulse today to be generous to those who are less fortunate. Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 This is a good day for a heart-toheart discussion with a close friend or partner. You will find it easy to see what this person wants or to imagine how he or she feels.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 You will be bored with menial, routine tasks, because you want to discuss big concepts and ideas at work. Expect to be sympathetic to a co-worker.

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Feb. 20 - March 20 Your creative vibes are hot today. This is a good day to explore music, the arts, theater, painting, drawing and anything where you can tap into your imagination.

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